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SUMMARY. OUR MONITORING OF CAIRO RADIO REPORT OF FAHMY'S
FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT YIELDED THREE INTER-
ESTING POINTS: POSSIBLE HINT OF SADAT/BREZHNEZ MEETING,
ADMISSION OF DISAGREEMENT WITH SOME POINTS USG POLICY COUPLED
WITH OFFER OF COOPERATION WITH NEW US ADMINISTRATION, AND
RESTATEMENT OF CONCEPT OF GENEVA SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY

1. FONMIN FAHMY PROVIDED OFFICIAL GOE STATEMENT ON FOREIGN
POLICY TO FOREIGN AND ARAB AFFAIRS NATIONAL SECURITY COM-
MITTEES OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY JAN 11. BASED ON OUR MONITORING
OF CAIRO RADIO REPORT OF HIS STATEMENT, FOLLOWING ARE HIGH-
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LIGHTS AND PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

A. US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. FAHMY GRATEFUL FOR ONE BILLION DOLLARS
WORTH OF AID IN 1976 AND SAID BILATERAL RELATIONS PROCEEDING
"SATISFACTORILY" HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE
"POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT," ESPECIALLY VOLUME OF AMERICAN
AID FOR ISRAEL WHICH SERVES TO ENCOURAGE ISRAEL TO "LAUNCH

AGGRESSION." (RADIO DOES NOT MENTION CONCUSSION BOMBS, BUT JOURNALIST PRESENT AT ASSEMBLY TELLS US FAHMY SINGLED THEM OUT FOR CONDEMNATION). GOE IS OPEN TO COOPERATION WITH NEW US ADMINISTRATION AS IT WAS WITH OLD "WE DEAL WITH INSTITUTIONS, NOT INDIVIDUALS" (COMMENT: JOURNALIST ALSO TELLS US FAHMY SAID HE FOUND BOTH ENCOURAGING AND DISCOURAGING REMARKS IN US CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS).

B. USSR-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. "WE ARE EAGER TO IMPROVE RELATIONS" AND "CANNOT IGNORE POSITIVE ASPECTS" (UNSPECIFIED). PRES SADAT "LAUNCHED A NEW INITIATIVE" WHEN HE STATED HIS READINESS TO "SIT DOWN WITH BREZHNEV AND END EVERYTHING" (COMMENT; REFERENCE PRESUMABLY TO AL-SAYYAD INTERVIEW PUBLISHED CAIRO DEC 30--76 CAIRO 18013). IN NOTING THERE ARE NEGATIVE ASPECTS TO BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, FAHMY IS "NOT SEEKING DEFAME" USSR. "I HAVE REASONS WHICH MAKE ME BELIEVE THERE ARE STEPS IN THE FIELD OF SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS" (COMMENT: THIS OBSCURE SENTENCE HINTS, WE THINK, AT POSSIBLE SADAT/BREZHNEV MEETING, OR AT LEAST EGYPTIAN WISH FOR ONE.)

C. MEPC. GENEVA CONF IS BEST WAY TO PURSUE JUST SETTLEMENT. IF MEPC FAILS, EGYPT WILL INVITE UNSC TO DISCUSS FINAL SETTLEMENT. ISRAEL IS DODGING PEACE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IS STILL REMOTE. STATE OF WAR CANNOT BE TERMINATED UNTIL ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND PALESTINIAN STATE (COMMENT: IN OTHER WORDS, TERMINATION OF STATE OF BELLIGERENCY MUST BE PART OF FINAL PACKAGE NEGOTIATED AT GENEVA). TERMINATION OF STATE OF BELLIGERENCY IS ISRAEL'S RESPONSIBILITY SINCE IT WAS ISRAEL, NOT ARABS, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WILL ALSO REQUIRE BALANCE OF CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR ARMS IN AREA AND ENDING OF IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL.

D. PLO. PLO CAN DEPEND ON EGYPT AND HAS FULL CONFIDENCE IN GOE. PLO SHOULD HAVE INDEPENDENT DEL AT GENEVA. FAHMY PRAISED STEADFASTNESS OF PALESTINIANS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (COMMENT: RADIO MADE NO MENTION OF JORDAN, BUT OCT MAGAZINE PUBLISHED JAN 10 QUOTES SADAT AS TELLING GAZA VISITORS JAN 1 THAT THERE SHOULD BE "FEDERATION" BETWEEN HKJ AND A PALESTINIAN STATE.)

2. OTHER POINTS MONITORED ON RADIO INCLUDE SELF-CONGRATULATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL EGYPTIAN FOREIGN POLICY IN 1976, WHICH "FORCED" ISRAELI REASSESSMENT OF ITS POLICY; WARNING THAT COMING STAGE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT; AFFIRMATION THAT FORMAL STEPS TOWARD EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN UNITY WOULD BE PRECEDED BY CONSULTATIONS WITH PEOPLES ASSEMBLY; NOD TOWARD SUDAN, OAU, EUROPEANS (ESPECIALLY GISCARD AND SCHMIDT),

COUPLED WITH CALL FOR MORE SPECIFIC "STANDS" FOR EUROPEAN STATES.
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